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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - FEBRUARY 11 (SUMMARY)

REF: PORT LOUIS 0092

1. INFLATION CONTINUES TO WORSEN IN MAURITIUS. THIS WEEK
BUS FARES FOR LONGER RIDES WERE INCREASED BY FROM 7 PERCENT
TO 25 PERCENT AFTER A FINANCE MINISTRY STUDY SHOWED THAT ALL
BUT THREE BUS COMPANIES WERE LOSING MONEY. A LIBERIAN BULK
CARRIER WENT AROUND ON A REEF JUST OUTSIDE PORT LOUIS HARBOR.
AN EAST GERMAN SEA-GOING TUG HAS ARRIVED TO ATTEMPT TO REFLOAT
THE GROUNDED VESSEL.

2. THE PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT THE MAURITIAN MILITANT
MOVEMENT (MMM) WILL SKIP THE APRIL VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.
IT PROBABLY FEARS A DEFEAT BY THE LABOR PARTY. THE MMM HAS
ANNOUNCED ITS ELECTORAL STRATEGY FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS,
INCLUDING A PLAN TO RUN "BOURGEOIS" CANDIDATES IN ORDER TO
ATTRACT THE VOTES OF THE MIDDLE CLASS. THE PARTY'S CENTRAL

COMMITTEE EXPELLED THE HEAD OF THE BAKERY OWNERS UNION WHO
HAD CALLED THE LOCKOUT TWO WEEKS AGO TO PRESS FOR AN INCREASE
IN THE PRICE OF BREAD.

3. IT IS BEING PREDICTED THAT THE RULING LABOR-PMSD COALITION
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WILL CALL NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN JULY, IN ORDER
TO HOLD THEM BEFORE AN ESTIMATED 20,000 NEW EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD
VOTERS ARE ADDED TO THE ROLLS IN AUGUST. THEY ARE PRESUMED
TO BE OVERWHELMINGLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE MMM. THE MUSLIM
COMMITTEE OF ACTION (CAM) APPEARS DESTINED TO DISAPPEAR AS A
POLITICAL PARTY. THE LABOR MINISTER, ONE OF THE TWO CAM
MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY, HAS APPLIED TO JOIN THE LABOR PARTY.

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